



**PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:)
Michael A. INNIS, *et al.*) Group Art Unit: 1653
Serial No.: 09/741,106) Examiner: TBA
Filed: December 21, 2000) Attorney Docket No. 12441.00003
For: CHIMERIC PROTEINS)

PETITION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3), Applicants request consideration of the claim for priority in this Preliminary Amendment. Applicants state that the entire delay in making this claim was unintentional.

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Prior to examination on the merits of the application filed on December 21, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, following the title, please insert the following new paragraph:

--This application is a Continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/943,682, filed

(A) October 14, 1997, now Patent No. 6,174,721--

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